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Ballay Dahlia Gardens PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

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BALLAY DAHLIA GARDENS

R. D. 1, Box 504 PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

Please note our new address. We have not moved. This is only a change in mail service.

Visitors are always welcome at our gardens which are located on the San Fransisco-San Jose State Highway about three miles south of Stanford University.

Telephone: Palo Alto 3570

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We are Members of the:
National Association of Commercial Dahlia Growers
American Dahlia Society
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Dahlia Society of Southern California

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COLLECTIONS

We are again offering special collections at \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$25.00 per dozen. These collections contain only the best varieties, labeled true to name, and all different.

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ORDER EARLY

To avoid disappointment in case the variety desired should be sold out, orders should be sent in as early as possible. We do not substitute without permission, but it is well to mention a second choice so that we may substitute if our stock of the desired variety is depleted. Shipments are made about April 1st.

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GUARANTEE

We guarantee that all tubers are sent true to name and in good growing condition. We should be notified at once of anything not satisfactory. Prices are for field grown divided tubers. We do not sell CLUMPS, PLANTS or SEEDS.

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TERMS

Remittance should be made with order. All retail orders are delivered prepaid. C. O. D. orders not accepted unless accompanied by at least 25% of the amount of the order.

FULL DIRECTIONS for the care of your dahlia garden are enclosed with each shipment.



Our New Introductions For 1930

- DOMINICA—(Dec.) Pure white. So far it seems pure white dahlias have not kept pace with those of other colors. This white decorative is consistently good and keeps up well through the whole season. The centers are full to the end and its size is maintained. Besides, the many flowers produced are held on strong straight stems which makes it very useful for commercial purposes. A white without faults \$5.00

- FITZJAMES—(Dec.) Clear amber. The tall bushes are productive of many large blooms of a color that seems to promote harmony in whatever location it is placed. We have noticed that a bouquet that otherwise seemed quite ordinary was considerably improved by the addition of a couple of blooms of FitzJames. The formation of the flower is just regular enough to be pleasing and the stem is good until late in the season _______\$5.00
- GAIETY—(Dec.) Pale true pink. A dahlia somewhat on the style of Jersey's Beauty but of a different color. It is not much larger than the older dahlia but has the same good stems and similar formation. This variety is free blooming and is very useful and beautiful for ininterior purposes \$5.00

Other Dahlias of Our Own Creation

- AMAZON—(Dec.) Bright coral pink, deeper at the center, and with a suffusion of pale gold on the inner petals. The flower is large and grows very erect. Decidedly decorative in type but not formal. A fascinating cut flower and distinctive on the exhibition table\$2.50
- CHANG—(Dec.) Burnished copper and gold—of oriental blending and lustre which is unmistakably associated with the Far East. The reddish copper tone, which is very prominent in the earlier flowers, is largely displaced by the gold coloring in the late season. The gorgeous bloom is very full with great depth and massive in size—"Chang" meaning "elephant" in the Siamese language. Grows on top of a long and extra strong stem on a rather tall bush which bears the great blooms freely. Small perfect center at all times. Thrives in a sunny climate \$5.00

- CREOLE—(Dec.) Deep velvety maroon. Very dark dahlias are always in demand. In Creole we have a very large dahlia of deepest coloring but equally as striking is the very novel formation. The numerous petals are quite long and broad and pointed at the tips with an inclination to roll backward. There is a slight twirl to each petal which lends a similar effect to the whole flower. The centers are full and good until very late and the blooms are freely produced on good stems

 \$7.50
- DAPHNE—(Hyb. Cac.) Bright true pink, sometimes having a touch of a slightly deeper shade at the center. The enormous shaggy flower is of the true hybrid cactus formation well depicted in the accompanying illustration, back cover. The many blooms with perfect centers are held on stout, straight stems high above the foliage. In 1927 the Certificate of Merit, offered at the Palace Hotel Show, in place of the Gold Medal, of previous years, for the best established 3-year-old variety, was awarded to six matchless blooms of this delightful pink dahlia \$7.50
- EVENING GLOW—(Hyb. Cac.) Pinkish copper with yellow shadings. This is another dahlia of exquisite coloring that is a pleasure in the garden and good for all purposes. In frankness we must admit that some of the blooms have a tendency to show a few curling petals toward the center. We were tempted to discard it for this reason, which is really not at all serious, but our visitors have advised strongly against it \$2.50



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- FAIR ELAINE—(Hyb. Cac.) Delicate old rose. An extra good variety that closely resembles the American cactus type in formation. For true beauty it is hard to surpass and the quantity of good flowers produced is the greatest we have seen; not that it is one of those varieties that requires a lot of disbudding, for it is quite the opposite, but the numerous branches, both upper and lower, all produce good flowers until the very end of the season. From several sources we have been informed of the very excellent lasting qualities of this flower when cut, and with this added recommendation we feel that Fair Elaine will soon be one of the most popular dahlias grown. Roll of Honor dahlia

- GAINSBOROUGH—(Dec.) Bright clear rose. An exquisite color that is especially attractive in the sunshine or under artificial light. Good for all purposes but especially recommended as a cut flower. In the garden it is a free and constant bloomer, needs little disbudding, and is of an outstanding color _________\$2.50

- LOUVAIN—(Dec.) Brown rose. This is the color as near as we can express it. The predominating shade is decidedly a light or golden brown, with a suggestion of old rose on the reverse side of the petals which shows through slightly. Grows perfectly straight on a long stem. A large but not massive flower of finest formation. No other dahlia we know of surpasses its lasting qualities when cut \$2.50

- MOTHER MACHREE—(Dec.) Cream or ivory white with a touch of pink at the center. "Something entirely new" a well known authority on dahlias said. The color is surely very much out of the ordinary and the big deep flowers on tall stalks are outstanding in the dahlia



VALESKA

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patch. As it is our policy, as we say to our visitors, to tell "the bad along with the good," we must admit that this variety has the fault of occasionally throwing an open centered flower. Many blooms are perfect and all that can be desired, but open centered flowers did appear especially in the cool fall weather. From the warmer sections, however, we have received no such reports so far. Stock limited _______\$10.00

- NORDIC—(Hyb. Cac.) Light copper with a light rose reverse and slightly suffused with rose. The blooms of this variety are of enormous size, which is especially noticeable because of the long, narrow, incurved petal formation, giving the impression of a wonderful American cactus, from which class it is not far removed. The plant is a tall robust grower, holding the flowers straight up on long leafless stems. Other growers have been much impressed with it and we have never been able to discover that it has any faults \$5.00

- WINONA—(Dec.) Purplish lavender, or shall we call it amethyst? It is a lively color that some people refer to as light purple, but it is more properly, we think, a deep lavender. The center of the inner petals of the flower were inclined to a lighter shading. Planted in the front row of our garden, as the plant is rather dwarf, Winona certainly proved a valuable advertisement of large, up-to-date dahlias for us. Nothing could be more ornamental in a garden and we recommend it as desirable from every point of view \$2.50

Good Varieties of Other Growers

- AMULET—Dec. (Boston) Reddish brown suffused with gold. This dahlia is different in color from any of the other autumn-tinted dahlias with which it combines so well. The numerous large flowers are held on long straight stems \$2.00
- ARDIS—Dec. (Garrity-Williams) Bluish violet or purple. This variety is also sold under the name of Palmdale. The color, which is uncommon in flower is large, well formed and held on a good stem \$2.50
- AZTEC GLORY—Dec. (Broomall-Success) Bright primrose yellow. One of the very largest dahlias both as to diameter and depth. In spite of its size the flower is decidedly artistic, being oval rather than flat and loosely formed rather than solid. The plant is of medium height and the stems are good \$7.50
- BARBARA REDFERN—Dec. (Redfern) Old gold suffused with old rose. A good large dahlia that has been grown in many places with marked success. It is especially adapted to a warm location where its full formation develops to perfection. A very strong stem adds to its general usefulness \$5.00

BEAU BRUMMEL—Dec. (Boston) Purple. A low growing variety that is a heavy producer of fine blooms. This variety in general reminds one of a very exaggerated Purple Manitou\$1.00 BLACK JACK—Dec. (Hodgens) Deep maroon, almost black. One of the darkest of all dahlias and a robust grower. The flowers are large and stems good \$1.50 CHAMPAGNE—Dec. (Boston) Dull, golden champagne. An entrancing color and an irresistible dahlia in every way. Large flower, extra long stem, lasts a long time on the bush as well as when cut \$1.00 CHANSON-Peony (Boston) Deep lilac with a bluish sheen. It is a big, heavy peony and has DOROTHY DIX—Hyb. Cac. (Boston) Silvery pink. Huge hybrid with distinctly incurved, evenly rolled, petal formation. Plants grow tall and sturdily and produce excellent flowers early and late. Stems are long and stiff. Excellent 1928 introduction \$7.50 EARL WILLIAMS—Dec. (Doolittle) Bright scarlet tipped or stripped with white. A most striking color combination and a first class dahlia in every way. As it is practically impossible to keep this variety segregated from Nobilis, of which it is a sport, we shall no ELIZABETH BOSTON—Peony (Boston) Deep crimson shading to gold at the tips. One of the largest and best peonies. Free blooming and sturdy \$1.50 ELLINOR VANDEVEER-Dec. (Seal) Glowing rose pink. An exceptionally beautiful dahlia of good size and with all the other qualities necessary to place it in the highest class\$1.00 F. W. FELLOWES—Cac. (Stredwick) Orange or terra cotta. One of the few of the English type that has a good stem. Good color and size\$1.00 FAITH GARIBALDI—Dec. (Boston) Clear rose pink. A gold medal dahlia that has won many prizes. Flowers are large and well formed, stems long and stout, the bushes loaded with blooms \$1.50 FRANCESCA—Dec. (Carbone-Davis) Dull rose suffused with gold and violet. A very refined new 1929 introduction that bloomed nicely for us through a long period. Large flower of GALATEA-Hyb. Cac. (Boston) Soft yellow with a very slight pink suffusion. The numerous blooms are composed of long wavy petals and are carried on long stems\$1.00 GOLDEN JUBILEE—Dec. (McWhirter) Golden orange. Free blooming, upright growing variety with good stems \$2.00 GORGEOUS-Peony (Boston) Golden yellow shading to scarlet. Large size, free bloomer, good keeper \$1.50 GRANDOLA-Dec. (Broomall-Success) Light orange. This well formed flower has a most de-GRENADIER—Dec. (Boston) "Purplish maroon combined with silver" is the originator's description of this giant dahlia. The top of the petals are purple, and are quilled and turned back in such a manner as to plainly show the lighter reverse side. The unique coloring and formation adds to its beauty \$2.00 INKYO-Hyb. Cac. (Barker) Deep maroon. Like Black Jack in color but decidedly hybrid cactus IONE HASLAM—Peony (Haslam) Bright scarlet. We have had blooms of this dahlia 12 inches in diameter. Sometimes the big flower is too heavy for the stem. The broad petals are gracefully set around a beautiful peony type center ______\$1.50 JERSEY'S BEACON-Dec. (Waite) Oriental red with a reverse of tan. The brilliant blossom is large and deep and held up well on a tall stalk. A very fine Eastern dahlia of recent origin ______\$2.00 JERSEY'S JEWEL-Dec. (Waite) Lavender pink. Very refined large flower that is very attractive and beautiful. Blooms freely and remains good throughout the season\$1.00 JERSEY'S RADIANT-Hyb. Cac. (Waite) Bright orange. Long stemmed, free flowering variety JOY-Dec. (Boston) Clear silvery lavender throughout, "Shudow's Lavender" without any white shading and with the same excellent qualities as the older dahlia. One of the best new dahlias. Prize winner \$5.00 JUDGE LEON McCORD—Dec. (Boston) Deep gold with old rose reverse. A very large deep flower of regular formation. The plant has a strong, vigorous habit of growth and every bloom is large and perfect. Has the strongest stem imaginable and lasts for days. New 1929 introduction LENORE WOOLAMS—Dec. (Mawson) Bright rose cerise. A new 1929 introduction that appeared to good advantage in the show rooms. The flower can be grown to enormous size and is always beautiful because of its artistic irregular formation. Stem long and rigid and LOGAN'S WHITE-Dec. (Logan) Pure white. One of the freest bloomers we have. Flower is of MINAMOTO'S PINK—Dec. (Boston) Deep rose pink shading deeper at the center. A beautiful variety that would be admired anywhere. Flowers are large and stem good throughout the entire season. 1929 introduction \$5.00 MISS CALIFORNIA—Dec. (Pelicano) Fuchsia pink. A new shade somewhat different from the rose pinks. Very useful for all purposes and has won quite a reputation as an exhibition

- MRS. ALFRED B. SEAL—Dec. (Seal) Rich old rose of medium tone. One of the finest last year's introductions which was winner of the Achievement Medal in the 1929 Palace Hotel Show. The exquisite bloom is very large and deep and carried on the best stem imaginable. Plant is tall and strong and the flowers keep well \$15.00
- MRS. ELEANOR MARTIN—Dec. (Pelicano) Mulberry or violet rose. Something new in color. In a sunny climate the violet tone will be more pronounced. It is a very handsome dahlia with perfect stem and habit of growth \$2.00

- ROBERT TREAT—Dec. (Mueller) Deep bright rose. A beautiful Eastern prize winner. Flower is large and it blooms most freely on good stems. Most attractive in the garden\$1.50

- SENORITA—Dec. (Lohrmann) Very dark red or maroon. Very large strong stemmed dahlia that is very close to the hybrid cactus type. Has won as largest dahlia in the show...\$1.00

- SILVERHILL PARK—Cac. (Stredwick) White, English cactus with long fine petals nicely incurved. Good size and fair stem \$1.00

- SUSAN G. TEVIS—Dec. (Boston) Deep lilac. This is an unusual shade and some of the flowers are lightly pencilled with white. The foliage is dark and is in fine contrast to the large graceful blooms \$1.50
- TOMMY ATKINS—Dec. (Boston) Brightest scarlet. A large flower of refined and irregular formation of a very brilliant shade. Stem is the best possible and the blooms are freely produced \$1.50
- TREASURE—Dec. (Boston) Cream heavily shaded with pink. Lovely new dahlia formed of long narrow petals, good depth, perfect center. Tall, bushy plant well covered with flowers \$2.50

EXPLANATION OF TYPES-

- DECORATIVE (Dec.)—Double flowers, full to the center, usually with broad, flat, or recurved loosely formed petals.
- CACTUS (Cac.)—Long, narrow, pointed petals, rolled and incurved, full to the center, resembling a chrysanthemum. The American cactus is coarser petaled than the English type.
- HYBRID CACTUS (Hyb. Cac.)—Flowers fully double, petals broad, twisted and often only slightly incurved, and rolled less than half their length. Larger and heavier than the true cactus.
- PEONY.—Semi-double flowers showing a bright yellow center, having small twisted petals circling about the center.

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Very small compact flowers. The smaller the better, so do not require disbudding.

AIMEE—Bronze	.50
AMBER—Pure amber	.50
ANN VON SCHWERIN—Pale pink\$	1.00
ANNIE DONCASTER—Soft yellow and mauve	.50
BANTAM—Brownish red	.50
DANDY—Bright orange	.50
DARKEST OF ALL—Deep Maroon	.75
DEE DEE—Pure lavender	.50
EDGAR—Soft cream\$	1.00
EDITH—Yellow heavily tipped brownish red	.75
ELIZABETH—Orange tipped red	.50
EUNICE—Pale lavender shading to white	.50
GLOW—Old rose	.50
GOLDIE—Pure gold	.50
HELEN ANITA—Pinkish lavender shading lighter at center	.75
JOAN—Yellow suffused with red	.50
JOE FETTE—White	.50
JOHNNY—Maroon	.50
LEDA BEELER—Bright lavender	.75
LLOYD HICKMAN—Bright rose	.75
MAJOR—Deepest old rose shading to yellow	.75
MARY MUNNS—Cerise pink\$	1.00
MIKE—Burnt orange	.50
NELLIE FRASER—Mauve pink	.50
OMEGA—Amethyst	.75
PEE WEE—Soft yellow shading to bronze at center	.50
RENO—Old rose shading to gold	.75
ROSEBUD—Deep rose shading to white at center	.50
YELLOW GEM—True yellow	.50



DAPHNE
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